

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 34 through 38 and 44 through 48 are pending, with Claims 34 and 44 being independent. Claims 28 through 33, and 39 through 43 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 34 through 38, and 44 through 48 have been amended.

As an initial matter, Applicants respectfully request return of the Form PTO-1449 from the December 16, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement. Favorable consideration in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Claims 29 through 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,625,410 (Washino, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 34 and 44 variously recite, inter alia, setting the number of pixels and a compression rate individually according to a user request (Claim 34) or user requests (Claim 44), and controlling the number of pixels according to the number and the compression ratio according to the compression ratio.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Washino, et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 34 and 44.

The Official Action relies, inter alia, upon Washino, et al.'s col. 6, lines 62-67, which refer, e.g., to functions "to configure the image sizes and frame rates as specified by the equipment operator", and upon col. 8, lines 48-50, which refer, e.g., to adjusting the compression ratio in response to the selection by the operator of a particular window. However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Washino, et al. provides either a description or a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 34 and 44.

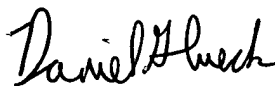
It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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